

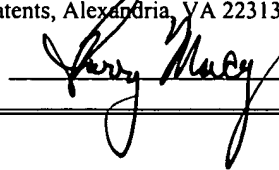


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In re Application of:

Nguyen, et al.

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Title: MULTIPLE LOOP TISSUE
CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND
METHODS

Examiner: U. Ho

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003 in the above-identified application from November 1, 2003 to December 1, 2003.

The extension request and appropriate fee are as follows:

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☒ Applicant is a small entity.

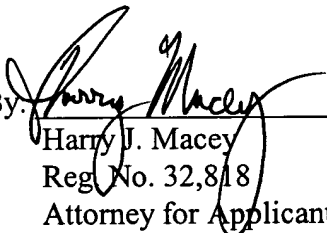
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- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1947 referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2015. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed for that purpose.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2015.

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Respectfully submitted,

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